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## An Evening with Ambassador Swanee Hunt *Building Democracy in Eastern Europe*



Ambassador Swanee Hunt

In a March 12th program Swanee Hunt, Director of the Women and Public Policy Program at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, will speak about the elections in Bosnia and the role of Eastern European women in that transformation to democracy. Prior to Ambassador Hunt's current appointment, she served from 1993 to 1997 as

the American Ambassador to Austria. The program is sponsored by the OPC and the Women's Foreign policy Group of Washington, DC.

In Vienna, Ambassador Hunt forged a new path in public diplomacy, reaching out to the Austrian people through weekly newspaper columns and radio addresses. In addition to her regular diplomatic duties, she extended her energies to the conflict in the neighboring Balkan states, hosting negotiations during the war and several international symposia to focus efforts on securing peace.

She organized humanitarian projects, yielding books to restock the shelves of the destroyed National Library in Sarajevo, trees for the parks denuded during the siege, and over six tons of musical

instruments for ravaged Bosnian schools. In addition, she worked extensively with Bosnian women, culminating in "Vital Voices: Women in Democracy," a conference of women leaders in business, law and politics, with a keynote address by Hillary Rodham Clinton. The conference, held last summer, is now the prototype for the State Department, which is sponsoring a series of upcoming conferences in Latin America and other regions to mobilize women as a force for stability and democracy.

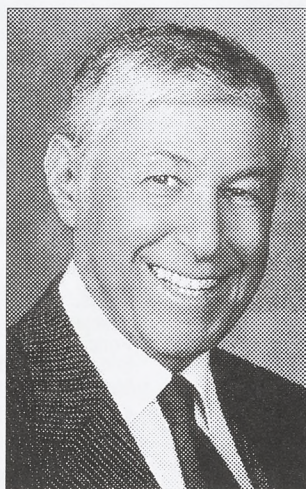
The program will be held at the Williams Club in New York City on Thursday, March 12 at 5:30 pm. Please call the OPC for reservations: (212) 983-4655.

## 60 Minutes to Receive OPC President's Award

John Corporon, OPC President, has announced that this year's President's Award will be given to the CBS show *60 Minutes*. Created in 1968 by executive producer Don Hewitt, *60 Minutes* is the most watched news program in the history of television and the most enduring, now entering its 30th season. The "newsmagazine" format is a much copied success story, blending hard-hitting investigative reports, interviews, feature segments and profiles of people in the news. The OPC has chosen to honor Don Hewitt's *60 Minutes* as

an enduring symbol of the commitment to covering the tough stories around the world. With its distinctive ticking clock and its celebrated correspondents, Mike Wallace, Morley Safer, Ed Bradley, Steve Kroft, Lesley Stahl and Andy Rooney, as well as recent additions Bob Simon and Christiane Amanpour, the show is a prime example of tough investigative reporting and lifetime achievement.

The annual awards dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 1998 at the Grand Hyatt in New York City.



Don Hewitt

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# Newsweek Panel on Asia Explores Japan's Role

Asia's recent financial shocks stem from huge flows of investment money into economic systems whose political decision-making methods weren't sophisticated enough to manage them, a panel of *Newsweek* writers and columnists told a monthly program of the Overseas Press Club on February 25. The panel paid special attention to the role of Japan, whose policies helped spur the shocks and whose policies continue to help delay a sustained recovery.

The event, held on the 21st floor of the *Newsweek* building in Manhattan, was organized by OPC board member Alexis Gelber, who is Managing Editor of *Newsweek International*. Speaking were Michael Elliott, Editor of *Newsweek International*; economist and contributing editor Robert Samuelson; Melinda Liu, a Washington-based diplomatic correspondent who has been writing about Chinese-speaking Asia for 25 years; and Michael Hirsh, another Washington-based correspondent writer who formerly worked in Tokyo.

Elliott said that even though the story in Japan hasn't been nearly as dramatic as it has been in Indonesia, which has suffered riots, the magazine has attempted to maintain balanced coverage. For example, he pointed out that Japan's banks were major players in sending hundreds of billions of dollars of capital throughout the region. And it was after the value of the yen began shifting against Asian currencies that the first signs of trouble emerged.



From left, *Newsweek International* Managing Editor Alexis Gelber, *Newsweek International* Editor Michael Elliott, Contributing Editor Robert J. Samuelson, Diplomatic Correspondent Melinda Liu and Washington Correspondent Michael Hirsh.

Will Japan stimulate its economy and open up to more Asian goods to help the region, and indeed the whole global economy? Don't count on it, said Hirsh, who had recently returned from a reporting trip to Japan. Despite increasingly forceful appeals from the Clinton Administration, he predicted that the Ministry of Finance, still the most powerful decision-making entity within the Japanese government, will continue to refuse to stimulate Japan's economy. Its overriding goal, he said, is to build savings for Japan's rapidly aging population.

Liu was optimistic that China will hold the line against devaluing its currency, which some experts have warned could be the next major blow to destabi-

lize Asian economies. One major reason Beijing will resist a devaluation: it would have a negative impact on Hong Kong's economy, causing a major loss of face for China, which regained sovereignty just last year.

Samuelson said he was among the more pessimistic of U.S. economists in assessing the impact Asia's woes will have on the American economy. He doesn't think the threat will be short-term or sudden in nature, as in Japanese investors withdrawing investments from the U.S. government securities. Instead, he's worried that a deteriorating American trade account with Asia will ultimately undermine the value of the dollar.

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# OPC Scholarship Recipients: Where They're Headed

By William J. Holstein

The following are brief profiles of each of the winners of OPC Scholarships for 1998, awarded at a January 26 luncheon at the McGraw-Hill building in Manhattan.

## **ERIKA HOBBS**

**Northwestern University**  
**Alexander Kendrick Scholarship**  
**Presenter: Al Kaff**

Motivated by her Spanish teacher, who was a refugee from Cuba, Ms. Hobbs wrote movingly about the dwindling days of Castro: "A savior from the revolution and a devil to the United States, Fidel Castro's messianic presence is fading. The young rebel who once led his pack of bandits to topple fascist dictator Fulgencio Batista walks now with the shuffle of an aged man....Fidel's dream is crumbling, to paraphrase Neruda, like the dust of a broken heart."

## **EDWARD WONG**

**University of California at Berkeley**  
**David R. Schweisberg Memorial Scholarship**  
**Presenter:**

**David's father, Manny Schweisberg**

Wong's parents and grandparents witnessed Japanese bombs raining on their villages in China. Today, Wong, who grew up in Virginia, feels that more media attention should be paid to those who are suffering in China, particularly the 125 million "floating population." He went to Shanghai to describe the condition of these homeless and jobless workers, which was the subject of his essay. "The floating population is possibly the largest internal diaspora in any country's history," he argues.

## **KRISTINA SHEVORY**

**University of Texas at Austin**  
**Reuters Scholarship**  
**Presenter: David Schlesinger,**  
**Reuters financial editor, Americas**

In Guatemala for language study, Ms. Shevory found herself in the middle of a firefight between government soldiers and guerrillas and maintained singular clarity in her perceptions of what was happening. "On my way home from a party, I started hearing what sounded like inordinately loud firecrackers. I kept walking and three armed soldiers barreled past me down the street. A few moments later, more men raced past, took cover and then started firing. I dove into the nearest doorway,

while their shots were being answered.... Flattened against the door, I hazarded a look at these combatants....Their lack of uniformity in dress and armament was a clear indication they were guerrillas." It turned out that the guerrillas killed three soldiers, but local newspapers trumpeted the army's "stunning" victory.

## **DAMIEN CAVE**

**Columbia University**  
**Harper's Magazine Scholarship in memory of I.F. Stone**  
**Presenter: John R. MacArthur, publisher, Harper's**

In the spirit of his grandfather, who said going overseas was "the best damn education I ever got," Cave aspires to spend some time in Paraguay and wrote an original essay entitled, "10 Reasons Why the OPC Should Send Damien Cave to Paraguay." The judges were impressed by the originality of his approach. Two of his reasons follow:

"Because even though over 90 percent of the population is literate in two languages, porn flicks and kung-fu movies are still the chosen form of entertainment. (That's) proof that the prurient interest can survive, even in the face of widespread literacy.

"Because Paraguay is the only South American country that loves to dance the polka. Paraguayan music tends to be largely European with little or no traces of black, Brazilian or Argentinian influences."

## **NICHOLAS CONFESSORE**

**Princeton University**  
**Harper's Magazine Scholarship in memory of A.J. Liebling**  
**Presenter: John R. MacArthur**

As a Newsweek intern, Confessore spent several weeks in South Africa researching the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which is attempting to learn the truth of past atrocities without deepening divisions in the nation's highly complex ethnic mosaic. "The truth commission was to look evenly at all sides of the conflict....But nothing cuts through the sunny rhetoric of 'national unity' quicker than daily revelations of abduction, torture and murder. In investigating the abuses, the TRS has exposed the Achilles heel of post-1993 South Africa: the lack of consensus on what happened during apartheid, who it happened to and who was to blame."

## **SUCHITA NAYAR**

**Columbia University**  
**Irene Corbally Kuhn Scholarship**  
**Presenter: Elinor Griest**

Ms. Nayar told the judges how she left India rather than submit to a marriage arranged by her father, to a man she didn't love. "My disobedience raised hell," she wrote. "It broke my father's heart." Coming to America to pursue her dreams of being a journalist, she discovered the same attitudes toward women prevailed among the South Asian immigrant communities around the New York area. Because of their visa status, these women feel they have no legal recourse, even though they live in America.

## **DAVID LIVINGSTONE**

**Columbia University**  
**H.L. Stevenson Scholarship**  
**Presenter: Bill Holstein**

Livingstone spent 10 years in Lebanon, part of the time living among the Shia villages of the Bekaa Valley. "In many of the stories I've written, there is a common thread—tyranny," Livingstone told the judges. "What amazes me about the human condition is the willingness of people to put up with the tyranny of government, tradition, culture, custom, religion."

In his essay, Livingstone demonstrated how deeply he had penetrated a profoundly anti-Western culture, where women are often killed for casual contacts with men outside their immediate families. "In the sheep farming village of Younin, when a father kills his daughter, or his wife, or a brother kills his sister, there is a resigned shrug, prayers for the dead, and life goes on in the fields and schools and mosques and houses."

## **ABOUT THE OPC**

**The Overseas Press Club of America** is the nation's oldest and largest association of journalists engaged in international news. Founded in 1939 by 13 foreign correspondents in New York, the OPC has grown to more than 500 members worldwide. The club's mission is to uphold the highest standards in news reporting, advance press freedoms, and promote good fellowship among colleagues. Its activities include events, scholarships and reciprocal relationships with press clubs around the globe. All those with a professional interest in international journalism are invited to contact the OPC about membership.

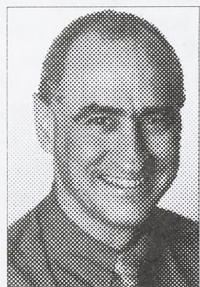


## PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

**BANGKOK:** Between them, *Fortune* magazine's two contributing editors in Asia, **Tony Paul** in Bangkok, and **Jim Rohwer** in Hong Kong, have reported from the region for more than 40 years. Paul covered Asia for *Reader's Digest* in the 1970s, then worked as editor-in-chief of the magazine



**Tony Paul**

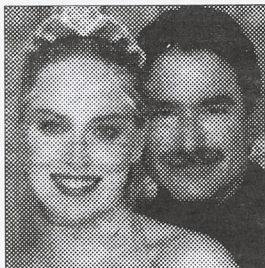


**Jim Rohwer**

*Business Tokyo* and later was founding editor of *Asia, Inc.* magazine. Rohwer is a former executive editor of *The Economist*. In the Feb. 16 issue of *Fortune*, Rohwer predicted Asia's financial meltdown may worsen. Meanwhile, **Rik Kirkland**, *Fortune's* deputy managing editor, said the magazine has "long been convinced Asia represents one of the biggest stories on the planet." Kirkland said *Fortune* hired six journalists in Asia during the past 18 months and opened bureaus in Singapore, New Delhi, Bangkok and Beijing in addition to existing offices in Hong Kong and Tokyo.

**BEIJING:** **Andrea Koppel**, CNN's Beijing bureau chief since 1995, is scheduled to move to Washington in May to cover the State Department. She joined CNN in 1993 and was the network's Tokyo correspondent before her China assignment. Her father, ABC's **Ted Koppel**, is also based in Washington.

**BEVERLY HILLS, California:** **Phil Bronstein**, 47, executive editor of the *San Francisco Examiner* and a former foreign correspondent, and movie actress **Sharon Stone**, 39, were married Feb. 14 at her Beverly Hills mansion. In 1990, Bronstein, who reported from El Salvador and the Philippines, wrote



**Sharon Stone and Phil Bronstein**

an *Examiner* article titled: "Living Dangerously: A Foreign Correspondent's Life on the Front Lines."

**BRUSSELS:** OPC member **Phil Revzin**, publisher of *The Wall Street Journal Europe* and winner of three OPC awards, was promoted this winter to vice president of *The Journal's* international group. He continues as a director of CNBC Europe, a business news television network operated jointly by NBC and Dow Jones. Joining *The Journal* as a reporter in



**Phil Revzin**

Cleveland in 1974, Revzin became London bureau chief in 1983, Paris bureau chief in 1986, editor of *The Wall Street Journal Europe* in 1991 and publisher in 1994. **Ken Herts**, senior vice president for administration at Dow Jones Markets, succeeded Revzin as publisher of the European newspaper.



**Ken Herts**

**HO CHI MINH CITY:** When he was a UPI correspondent, **Leon Daniel** first reported from Vietnam in 1966, and after the 1975 Communist victory he remained in Saigon for several weeks until he was expelled. A few weeks ago, Daniel returned to scenes of old battles including Viet Cong tunnels in Cu Chi. "At the Cu Chi tunnels, which enabled the Vietnamese to survive massive bombing, guides dressed in Viet Cong garb cheerfully tell visitors how they won the war," Daniel reported. After dinner with Daniel in his Hanoi apartment, OPC member **David Lamb**, *Los Angeles Times'* Vietnam correspondent, pointed from his balcony to the spot where Arizona Senator John McCain was shot down during the war and became a Communist POW.



**Leon Daniel**

**HONG KONG:** **Peter Stein**, Hong Kong bureau chief of *The Asian Wall Street Journal*, was named the daily's managing editor in February. He succeeded **Bob Hagerty**, appointed deputy chief of *The Wall Street Journal's* Atlanta bureau.

◆ **Sandra Burton**, veteran *Time* correspondent and its longtime Hong Kong bureau chief, has retired but remains in contract with the magazine, a *Time* spokesman told the Bulletin. Expected to succeed her is **John Colmery**, who joined *Time* from *AsiaWeek*. Meanwhile, **Richard Hornik**, *Time's* News Service director in New York, has been named the magazine's senior editor for business in London.

**JOHANNESBURG:** South Africa in February withdrew the permanent residency permit of a reporter whose articles angered the government. **Newton Kanhema**, a Zimbabwe citizen, is an investigative and political reporter for the *Sunday Independent* and *The Star*, South Africa's largest-circulated newspaper. The government said Kanhema falsely claimed on an immigration document how long he had lived in South Africa. But **Raymond Louw**, deputy chairman of the Freedom of Expression Institute in Johannesburg, told **Donald G. McNeil Jr.** of *The New York Times*, "It looks like they're using a technicality to get rid of a good professional journalist." Kanhema uncovered, among other things, a \$1.5 billion deal to sell artillery to Saudi Arabia that an arms maker owned by the South African government tried to keep secret. When his deportation was ordered, Kanhema was in the United States on a fellowship. But immigration officials visited his wife several times in Johannesburg, demanding she leave South Africa.

**KILLARNEY HEIGHTS, Australia:** **Russell Spurr**, 75, who covered Asia for ABC Radio, London's *Daily Express* and Hong Kong's *Far Eastern Economic Review*, tells the Bulletin that he feels "very fit despite the crippling after-effects of my [1995] stroke." He and wife Rosemary plan a trip this year to their old haunts in Hong Kong and London.

**LONDON:** BBC News conducts a training program to teach journalists how to stay alive in war and areas of civil unrest. "A lot of our younger journalists in



the U.K. are quite innocent of guns," **Peter Hunter**, a former BBC photojournalist who proposed the training, told *The New York Times*. Former military and police personnel demonstrate how standard caliber bullets can pierce car doors, brick walls and steel sheets; and how body armor saves lives. Journalists are instructed not to wear camouflage clothing. "We don't want our people looking like soldiers," Hunter said. More than 500 reporters have been killed in the line of duty since 1986, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists.

**MADRID:** For his coverage of the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan, AP Madrid photographer **Santiago Lyon** won the 1997 Bayeux War Reporter's Award, which recognizes journalists who excel in perilous conditions, and the Godo Photo Journalism Prize for a picture of a young woman peeking from behind other women wearing burqas, veils made mandatory by Taliban rulers.

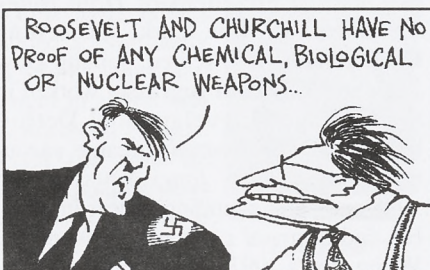
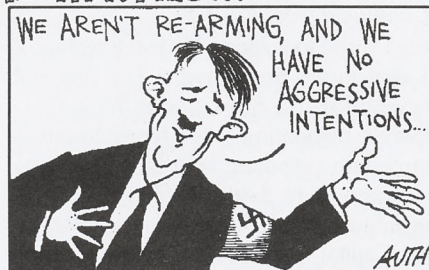


**Santiago Lyon**

**MOSCOW:** Russian officials in February arrested a retired military intelligence colonel in connection with the 1994 killing of investigative journalist **Dmitri Kholodov**, 27. Kholodov died when he opened a booby-trapped suitcase. A reporter for the newspaper *Moskovsky Komsomolets*, Kholodov was investigating corruption in the Russian military. In October 1994, Kholodov received a telephone call urging him to pick up a suitcase in a Moscow railroad station that contained documents about corruption in the Russian military. He brought the suitcase to his office and was killed when it exploded. Arrested and charged with organizing the killing was Pavel Popovskikh, a retired colonel.

**NAGANO, Japan:** Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, said he was disappointed when CBS correspondent **Bob Simon** asked him about his role in Francisco Franco's Fascist government in Spain. Since CBS paid \$375 million for U.S. television rights to the Nagano Olympics, more than one-third of the Winter Games' \$1 billion budget, Samaranch expected a friendly interview with

## IF CNN HAD EXISTED IN THE THIRTIES...



Tony Auth, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Simon, who was on Olympic assignment from his base in the Middle East. After chatting about Spain and bullfighters, Simon "began to ask tough questions," Samaranch told AP. "He began attacking some IOC members. I defended them. And then he started to speak of 50 years ago, 40 years." Samaranch, who was Minister of Sports in Franco's government, continued: "I said I was with Franco. Also, 40 million Spaniards. I am very proud of my past and my present, and what I did for my country." Samaranch asked CBS to redo the interview in Spanish. The network declined, and the original interview was broadcast on "60 Minutes" Feb. 22, closing day of the Winter Olympics.

**NEW YORK:** OPC member and former *Bulletin* editor **Justin Doebele** joined *Forbes* magazine's new global edition as a staff writer in January. Previously he worked as a reporter on *Forbes* domestic issue. The global edition, which will be available only outside the United States, is slated to begin publishing in March. Before joining *Forbes* in 1994, Doebele worked as an editor in Tokyo, helping launch Bloomberg's coverage of Asian financial markets.



**Justin Doebele**

"Long Way Home" has been nominated for an Academy Award in the

Documentary Feature category. OPC member **Ruth Gruber** appears in the film, which chronicles the experiences of Holocaust survivors. Ruth covered the story of the ship "Exodus" as the pool correspondent representing the American Press.

Founded in 1848 by six New York newspaper publishers, The Associated Press this year is celebrating its 150th anniversary with public exhibits and publication of a book on AP's history. Anniversary events started in January with an exhibit in the Newseum in Arlington, Virginia, that runs through April 5, and then at the Newseum in New York City May 14-July 18. In an anniversary article by 39-year AP veteran **Jules Loh** in the winter edition of *AP World Magazine*, OPC members **Peter Arnett** and **Hugh Mulligan** commented on what working for AP meant to them. Arnett: "Long before **Ted Turner** thought up the idea of the global village, The Associated Press was a global village." Mulligan: "We covered legislatures, school boards, fires, floods, tornadoes, the human side of the news. So we don't get involved in Beltway elitism, acquainted only with national politics, or with some yuppie syndrome oriented on Wall Street. AP reporters are uniquely qualified to be sent anywhere to cover anything."

**Jim Furlong**, senior editor of Dow Jones Newswires for the Americas and a former AP-Dow Jones reporter in London and Bonn, will retire in March after 31

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## PEOPLE

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years with Dow Jones. He is the author of "Labor in the Boardrooms: The Peaceful Revolution," a book about West Germany's mandating labor representatives on certain corporate boards. Succeeding Furlong will be **John Hitchcock**, managing editor of Dow Jones Economic Report and Capital Markets Report. Joining AP-Dow Jones in 1982, Furlong has reported from the Middle East and Japan and was AP-Dow Jones London bureau chief.

Seven international reporters for Dow Jones Newswires won its fourth annual awards for distinguished journalism in 1997. The \$2,500 awards went to **Betty Liu**, Hong Kong, and **Joe Rebello**, Bangkok, for coverage of Asia's economic crisis; **Gerrit Wiesmann**, Zurich, for coverage of international economic conferences in Switzerland and Hong Kong; **Chris Wellisz**, Warsaw, for analysis of Poland's evolving corporate world; **Jay Solomon**, Jakarta, for stories on claimed discovery of gold deposits; and **James Areddy** and **Adam Najberg**, for a series on the handover of Hong Kong to China.

AP international correspondents on the move: **Steve Gutkin** from the New York international desk to Caracas bureau chief. **Ron Kampeas**, London to the New York international desk. **Laura J. King**, Hong Kong to Jerusalem. **Terrence Petty**, Bonn to Providence, Rhode Island. **Marcus Eliason**, Hong Kong news editor to New York deputy enterprise editor. **Timothy J. Sullivan**, New York interna-



Steve Gutkin



Terrence Petty



Marcus Eliason



Eric Talmadge

tional desk to Abidjan, Ivory Coast. **Seth Sutel**, Tokyo to the New York business desk. **Eric Talmadge**, who joined AP from Tokyo's *Mainichi Daily News* and *Shukan Bunshun* magazine, to Tokyo bureau news editor.

**Lawrence Ingrassia** is *The Wall Street Journal's* London bureau chief. In January, his brother **Paul Ingrassia**, 47, was named president of *Dow Jones Newswires* in New York, succeeding **Carl Valenti**, who retired. Joining Dow Jones in 1977, **Paul Ingrassia** worked in the Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit bureaus of *The Journal*; became executive editor of *Dow Jones Newswires* in 1995 and chief operating officer in 1996. He and *Journal* colleague **Joseph B. White** won a 1993 Pulitzer Prize for coverage of management turmoil at General Motors.

**Eleanor Randolph**, a special correspondent for *The Washington Post* in Moscow 1991-1993, joined *The New York Times* in February as an editorial writer. From her experiences in Moscow, Randolph wrote the 1996 book "Waking the Tempests: Ordinary Life in the New Russia." For the past three years, she was a national correspondent for *The Los Angeles Times* based in New York. Earlier she worked for two Florida newspapers, *The Pensacola News Journal* and *The St. Petersburg Times*, and was White House correspondent for *The Chicago Tribune*.

**PRAGUE:** **Frank Csongos** finished a three-year assignment in Prague as editor of an English-language newswire at Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in January and transferred to the network's Washington bureau as a senior correspondent. Before joining Radio Free Europe, Csongos was a UPI reporter in the United States.

**WASHINGTON:** **George Herman**, 78, who covered the Korean War for CBS and then was a Washington correspondent for the network until he retired in 1987, reports that his remission from a rare form of leukemia is holding well.

**Alan Cooperman** is the new foreign editor of *U.S. News & World Report*. A veteran correspondent, Cooperman most recently reported from the Middle East.

**Gene Kramer**, a longtime AP foreign correspondent who mastered railroad schedules of several nations, retired last



Gene Kramer

year after 47 years with the wire service. Joining AP in San Francisco in 1950, Kramer worked in bureaus around the world. One of his hobbies was studying railroad time tables. Once in Japan, Kramer and a group of friends boarded a fast train in Tokyo for a trip to southern Japan. At one stop, he slipped off the train and, using schedules he had memorized, boarded another train, switched trains a couple of more times and was waiting on the platform when his surprised friends arrived at their destination.

**WATONGA, Oklahoma:** For his 80th birthday Jan. 1, OPC member **Ernie Hoberecht** received a cake decorated with icing that pictured the portable typewriter he carried through four wars while a UPI correspondent in Asia. Ernie's wife, **Mary Ann**, photographed his old typewriter, and a baker reproduced it on the cake. Hoberecht joined United Press in 1945 as a World War II correspondent in the Pacific Theater and remained with the wire service until 1966 after 13 years as its vice president and general manager for Asia. He now runs an abstract and insurance business in Watonga, his hometown.



Ernie Hoberecht



Birthday cake

**DECEASED:** **Martha Ellis Gellhorn**, 89, one of the first women war correspondents, died Feb. 15 of cancer at her home in London. Starting in 1937, she covered the Spanish Civil War, World War II in Asia and Europe, Vietnam, the 1967 Six-Day War in Israel, El Salvador in the 1980s and, at age 81, the 1989 U.S. invasion of Panama. Born in St. Louis, Gellhorn started writing for *The New Republic* in 1927 just after graduating from Bryn Mawr College and next was a crime reporter for an Albany, N.Y., newspaper. Off to Spain, she reported on the Civil War for *Collier's* weekly magazine.



and then covered several World War II fronts for a number of publications including *Atlantic Monthly*. Gellhorn believed that good war reporting ended with Vietnam, which she covered for *The Guardian* of London in 1966. Also a fiction writer, Gellhorn was author of five novels, 14 novellas and two collections of short stories. Her three marriages, each ending in divorce, were to Bertrand de Jouvenel, a French pacifist and son-in-law of novelist Colette; author Ernest Hemingway; and T. S. Matthews, an editor at *Time* magazine.



**Martha Gellhorn**

◆  
**Donald Flamm**, 98, who ran the World War II radio station that became the seed for the Voice of America, died Feb. 15 in a West Palm Beach, Florida, hospital. During the war, Flamm worked for the U.S. Office of War Information as manager of the American Broadcasting Station in Europe. VOA grew out of that station. Also a theatrical producer, Flamm owned and operated WMCA radio in New York before the war.

◆  
**Paul Banker**, 77, retired managing editor of *The Baltimore Sun* and *The Sunday Sun* and a former foreign correspondent for the newspapers, died Feb. 12 of cancer in a Baltimore hospital. Banker spent his entire 40-year career with the *Sun* newspapers. He was named city editor in 1954 and in 1960 became Rome bureau chief, also covering the Middle East. In 1962, he returned to the city editor's post, was promoted to managing editor in 1966 and retired in 1982.

◆  
**Edward (Eddie) Kin-lee Wu**, 76, a former *Baltimore Sun* correspondent in Hong Kong, died Feb. 10 in a Baltimore hospital of lymphoma and pulmonary complications. Wu worked for *The Sun* from the mid-1960s to 1980, and then settled in Berwyn Heights, Maryland, working as a consultant on trade with China. Before joining *The Sun*, Wu was a reporter for the *South China Morning Post*, a Hong Kong daily, and a correspondent in UPI's Hong Kong bureau. He was president of the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents Club, 1973-1974.

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**Maurice Schumann**, 86, a French aide to General Charles de Gaulle

in London during World War II who broadcast to Nazi-occupied and Vichy France, died Feb. 10 at Invalides military hospital in Paris. Before the war, Schumann worked for the French news agency Havas. The Paris newspaper *Le Monde* said that Schumann's broadcasts from 1940 to 1944 "maintained the courage and nourished the hope" of the French populace. When the Allies landed at Normandy in 1944, Schumann fought in a tank unit in northern France. After the war, he entered politics, serving in the National Assembly and in the French cabinet including foreign minister from 1969 to 1973.



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**Roland H. Shackford**, 89, a retired foreign correspondent for United Press and the Scripps-Howard newspapers, died Feb. 6 of complications from pneumonia at a retirement home in Cockeysville, Maryland. Joining UP in New York in 1935, Shackford covered creation of the United Nations, beginnings of the Cold War in Moscow and the 1948 revolution in Bogota. He joined Scripps-Howard in London in 1952, writing on Asia and covering President Nixon's 1972 trip to China. In 1973, Shackford became a lecturer for the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

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**Albert S. Wall**, 78, a former OPC board member who also was active in the old OPC Yacht Club, died Feb. 4 at his home in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. After graduating from Vanderbilt University in 1940, Wall joined *Newsweek* as a researcher and, following World War II infantry service in New Guinea, returned to the magazine as an assistant editor, writing on business, foreign news, film and theater. He then became an associate editor, helping manage domestic and foreign bureaus. He left *Newsweek* in 1964 and worked as an editor of *Medical Image*, *The Medical Tribune*, *McGraw-Hill World News* and *World Environment Report*.

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OPC member **Alice Towsley Allen**, 73, of New York City, whose newspaper career started in 1942 with *The Honolulu Advertiser*, died Jan. 18. Over the years, she also worked for the *Long Island Daily Press* and two New Jersey newspapers,

Newark's *Star-Ledger* and Paterson's *Morning Call*; and was a consultant to the *North Virginia Free Press*, *Idaho State Journal* and the New York Herald Tribune. Later she edited magazines including *Mayfair*, *Travel & Fashion*, *Doctor's Wife* and *Medical World News*. Allen also edited publications of the Association of Junior Leagues of America and American Field Service International Scholarships, and she was a poet and composer.

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**C. Lane Fortinberry**, 73, former publisher of *Life* magazine's international editions, died Jan. 28 of a heart attack at his home in New Canaan, Connecticut. Before joining *Life*, Fortinberry sold advertising for *The New York Times* and later became the newspaper's European manager in Amsterdam. He retired from *Life* in 1976 and with **James A. Linen** formed a media consultant firm.

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The Dec. 15 death of **Albert J. Nevins**, 82, an OPC member since 1955, was reported briefly in the February *Bulletin*. A Maryknoll Catholic priest for 55 years, Nevins started a long career in print and film journalism while in high school, serving as editor of his Yonkers, N.Y., high school paper and covering sports for the daily *Yonkers Herald Statesman*. After his ordination in 1942, Father Nevins traveled to several countries to film Maryknoll missionary work. He edited the magazine, *Maryknoll — The Field Afar*, and *Our Sunday Visitor*, the Catholic Church's U.S. national weekly. In 1961, Columbia University awarded him a Maria Moors Cabot gold medal for outstanding journalistic achievements. Nevins had served on the board of the Inter-American Press Association and was a past president of the Catholic Press Association. He was author of 41 books, an accomplished pilot and a lieutenant colonel in the Civil Air Patrol.

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**Charles C. Lane**, 83, who directed AP photo coverage in Europe, Middle East, Africa and Australia, died Nov. 4 in London, where he lived in retirement. Lane joined AP in Chicago in 1940 as a photo editor and transferred in 1945 to the wire service's foreign service. He worked in Rome and Paris before becoming bureau chief in New Delhi in 1956. Two years later, he moved to London as AP's regional photo executive, a post he held until retiring in 1979.



## New Books

• In a book published in March, "The Children" [New York: Random House], **David Halberstam**, 63, the Pulitzer Prize journalist who covered wars in the Congo and Vietnam for *The New York Times*, returns to one of his early newspaper assignments: the civil rights movement in the U.S. South, which he covered for *The Tennessean* of Nashville from the late 1950s to 1960. Discussing his book with **David Margolick**, a *Vanity Fair* contributing editor, Halberstam said: "These days there's all too much coverage of pseudo-events about extraordinarily inauthentic people doing inauthentic things. What I wanted to do here was to recall this remarkable moment when a group of seemingly ordinary young people, acting largely upon their religious faith, again and again risked their lives over a five-year period to dramatically change this country."

• A group of historians, military men, poets, novelists and journalists including **Stephen E. Ambrose**, **David Halberstam** and **Seymour Hersh** recall the 1968 massacre of Vietnamese civilians in My Lai hamlet by U.S. troops in "Facing My Lai: Moving Beyond the Massacre" [Lawrence: University Press of Kansas], edited by **David L. Anderson**. The book marks the 30th anniversary of the massacre. In its review, *Library Journal* said: "This well-written book brings out all those emotions that are part of the Vietnam experience, and, as the subtitle suggests, reading it does provide a catharsis."

• Sumner Welles was one of this century's most influential U.S. diplomats,

but his career was ended by a sexual scandal at a time when the press did not pry into private lives. His son, **Benjamin Welles**, a foreign

correspondent for 17 years who has written for *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, writes about his father's diplomatic achievements and candidly describes his father's bisexual

excesses in "Sumner Welles: FDR's Global Strategist" [New York: St. Martin's Press]. Welles joined the State Department in 1915 when he was 23. In 1933, he was appointed Assistant Secretary of State for Latin America by his lifelong friend, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and became the chief architect of Roosevelt's Good Neighbor Policy. From 1937 until his forced resignation in 1943, Welles served as Under Secretary of State. On Sept. 17, 1940, Welles was on a train with Roosevelt and cabinet members returning to Washington from Jasper, Alabama. After drinking for several hours, Welles rang for coffee in his sleeping compartment. When a black Pullman porter arrived, Welles allegedly offered him money for a sexual act. The porter declined, and other porters summoned by Welles reported "indirect advances," the son writes. The incident was reported to railway officials and the Secret Service, but Welles was protected by Roosevelt and the press discretion of that era until 1943, when the diplomat's political opponents forced



Sumner Welles

Roosevelt to request his resignation.

• **Karl Maier**, a longtime freelance journalist in Africa, examines the many faces of that continent in "Into the House of the Ancestors: Inside the New Africa" [New York: John Wiley & Sons]. Countering reports that deal with Africa in sweeping terms, Maier writes: "How can one generalize intelligently about a continent with such a rich variety of cultures, languages and religious systems?" He writes about a variety of Africans including computer scientists, medical researchers, guerrilla fighters and traditional healers. Maier predicts: "When Africa finally begins its march toward prosperity and security, as it almost certainly will one day, the key ingredients will come not from Washington, London or Tokyo; they will be homegrown."

### IWMF Courage in Journalism Awards Call for Nominations

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